Memorandum to Government on elimination and rehabilitation of bonded labour;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have failed to carry out the directives of the Supreme Court to check their exploitation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of bonded labour has come down since 1981 when the Supreme Court issued its first directive in regard to bonded labour: and

(d) if so, their present number as compared to 1981 and particulars during the preceding three years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A memorandum dated 23.3.1995 from the Chairperson of Bandhuua Morcha has been received by the Government.

(b) Hon'ble Supreme Court had delivered its judgement in Writ Petition No. 2135/82 on 13.8.91 giving specific directions to the State Government of Haryana to take various steps to improve the working and living conditions of the workers engaged in quarry operations in Faridabad District of Haryana. The Government of Haryana have reported that they have by and large complied with the directions of the Apex Court.

(c) and (d) The number of Bonded Labourers awaiting rehabilitation has come down since 1981. Against 1,20,971 bonded labourers identified and released as on 31.1.1981, 17264 were awaiting rehabilitation. On account of more identification and rehabilitation in subsequent years the number of bonded labourers identified as on 31.3.1994 is 2,51,424 out of which only about 6000 are still awaiting rehabilitation. The number of bonded labourers rehabilitated during the last three years is as follows:—

1994-95 (upto Feb., 95	1473
1993-94	2497
1992-93	3424

व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र द्वारा खरीदी गई मशीनें

7663. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विकलांग पुनर्वास के लिए व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्रों द्वारा, विशेषकर दिल्ली में स्प्रे पेंट मशीन, इनेक्शन मोल्डिंग मशीन, लैदर सीविंग मशीन, पाइप वाइडिंग मशीन आदि जैसे बहुत सी ऐसी मशीनें खरीदी गई है जो इन केन्द्रों में चलाए जा रहे किसी भी व्यवसाय से संबंधित नहीं हैं :

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इन मशीनो को खरीदने के बाद लेखा-परीक्षा के दौरान आपत्ति की गई थी और इन मशीनों का समुचित उपयोग किए जाने की दृष्टि से इन्हें किसी अन्य केन्द्र या संस्थान में भेजने का सुझाव दिया गया था ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किए जाने का विचार है ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) विकलांग व्यक्तियों में अवशिष्ट क्षमता का मूल्यांकन करने तथा उनके आर्थिक पुनर्वास को सुगम बनाने हेतु उन्हें प्रशिक्षण देने के लिए दिल्ली स्थित व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र सहित अधिकांश व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्रों ने स्प्रे पेंट मशीन, इंजेक्शन मोल्डिंग मशीन, चमड़े की सिलाई मशीन तथा पाईप वंडिंग मशीन, जैसी मशीनें खरीद ली है ।

(ख) तथा (ग) विकलांग व्यक्तियो हेतु व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र, दिल्ली के लेखों संबंधी लेखा परीक्षा रिपोर्ट में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह भी निहित है कि इन मशीनों को अन्य संस्थानों में स्थानांतरित किया जा सकता है चूंकि इस केन्द्र में इनकी उपयोगिता कम है । इन मशीनों को एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर लाने ले जाने पर आने वाले व्यय की अत्यधिक धनराशि को देखते हुए स्थानांतरित नहीं किया जा सकता है । इस केन्द्र ने रोजगार चाहने वाले विकलांग व्यक्तियों को व्याव

सायिक प्रशिक्षण देने हेतु इन मशीनों का पुनः उपयोग करने का प्रस्ताव किया है।

Effect of liberalisation of trade unions

7664. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the Indian Express dated 2nd May, 1995 report 'Trade Unions feel the heat of liberalisation as never before';

(b) whether the President of B.M.S. has said that two lakh workers in the Public Sector and five lakh workers in the Private Sector have been retrenched: and

(c) what Governments are doing in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (c) The issues raised in the news item published in the "Indian Express" on May 2, 1995 are of a general nature. According to available information from the Planning Commission, there is no evidence of the adverse effects of liberalisation policies on the employment situation. Statistics on retrenchment show a decline in the number of workers retrenched from 4396 workers in 1991 to 2891 in 1993 and 2040 workers in 1994 (Jan. to Nov.). As on 31.3.95, 75756 workers have availed of VRS with NRF assistance in 61 CPSUs. Employment opportunities have meanwhile grown at the rate of 2.03 per cent per annum during the first three year of the 8th Plan as compared to 1.89 per cent per annum during the 7th Plan. The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 provides for payment of compensation to the workers in the event of retrenchment or closure. Besides, Government has also established the National Renewal Fund as a social safety net for the workers affected by industrial restructuring. The fund, *inter-alia*, provides for a assistance to cover the costs of retraining and redeployment of affected workers.

Outstanding dues of P. F. with Sanjay Gandhi Educational Society

7665. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of Provident Fund is outstanding with the Sanjay Gandhi Educational Society, R. K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that even after serving of notice the said society is not depositing the amount; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against the said society to recover the outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The assesment of PF dues against the establishment under Section 7 A of the EPF and MP Act, 1952 is yet to be finalised.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Formation of Tobacco Labour Cell

7666. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Tobacco Labour Cell or Tobacco Labour Advisory Board;

(b) whether the Gurupadaswamy Committee made any suggestions to form such cells to focus better attention on problems of labour in specific areas, hitherto neglected;

(c) whether Government have any proposals to constitute any Special Cells or Advisory Bodies spectfically for tobacco labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A Statutory Tobacco Board has been set up under the